

SHINER GAZETTE.

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A. G. WANGEMANN,

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots,

Shoes, Hats and Caps, Groceries,
HARDWARE, WOOD AND WILLOWWARE, AND—

Gen'l M'ch'ndise.

AGENT FOR NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE, WALTER A. WOOD
MOWING MACHINES AND RAKES, JOHN DEERE PLOWS,
CULTIVATORS AND STALK CUTTERS AND BAN-
NER PLANTERS.

Also Avery Stalk Cutters and Louisville Cotton and Corn Planter.

All kinds of Country Produce bought at highest market
prices. Cash Paid for Cotton Seed.

C. L. Williams' Lumber Yard

Headquarters For—

long leaf pine, cypress well curb- ing, shingles, sashes, doors and blinds.

Genuine Glidden and Waukegan Wire, Pailing
Wire Fence, Brick, Sawed burr oak and Mountain
Cedar Posts. Aermotor, Dandy, Perkins and Enterprise Wind Mills,
Pumps, Cylinder Piping and all Plumber's goods. The celebrated
Studebaker Wagons; also Buggies, Hacks, Surreys and Vehicles of all
kinds.

TOWN LOTS IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED.

I am the authorized agent of H. B. Shiner and the San Antonio and
Aransas Pass Railroad Town Site Company for the sale of all their lots
in the town of Shiner.

I propose to sell everything that I carry in stock as cheap as the same
quality can be bought elsewhere. I defy all competition. My clerk,
Mr. Albert Moller, speaks German, English and Bohemian. I ask
you to call and examine my stock before buying elsewhere.

C. L. WILLIAMS.

J. E. MURSEBURGER

California Fruits,
Milk Shakes,
Soda Water,
Cider.

See our 5, 10 and 25 cent
Bargain Counters.

SHINER, TEX.



FAVORITE SALOON

(J. H. HUEBNER, PROPRIETOR.)

FINE WINES, LIQUORS, BEER and CIGARS.

Which are politely served at the bar. I respectfully ask the old
patrons of the FAVORITE and the public generally to give me a call.

SHINER, TEXAS.

HENRY KUESSEL, SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKER.

Mr. Kuesel has secured the sole right to sell the celebrated
patent harness in Lavaca and DeWitt counties. He has
on hand a fine stock of Saddles, Whips, Harness, etc., and
turns out none but first-class work.

FRED WILKS, JEWELER.

NEW GOODS AND LOW PRICES.

He has a full stock of Clocks, Watches, Jewelry and Silver Plated
Ware. Also a full stock of Spectacles and Eye-glasses. Watches
and Clocks repaired with care. Goods and work warranted and
honest dealing with all.

CITY Meat Market.

Messrs. Rudolph Welhausen and L. B. Richter have purchased the
meat market of C. H. Flato and will supply the people of Shiner with
the best the country affords. They intend to satisfy everybody.

SHINER, TEXAS.

BISMARCK SALOON.

C. WAGENER
DEALER IN

LIQUORS, WINES, BEER, AND CIGARS.

SHINER, TEXAS.

ELECTIONEERING.

BY MARCUS JESTER.

ARRIVING at the grounds, the
procession skirted the woods
and approached the stands where
the speaking was to take place. The
bands all playing Dixie. Several
thousand people were already on
the grounds and wagons, buggies,
and people on horse back and a few
were constantly arriving. On every
hand were stands, booths, tents,
where candy, lemonade, ice cream,
pop corn, pea nuts and everything
imaginable good to eat or
drink were for sale in tempting ar-
ray. On one side a man had a
number of wooden figures set up
and a crowd of men and boys were
throwing balls to see who could
knock a figure down. Five cents
a throw and if they struck a figure
they would receive a trifling prize.
Next to this was an outfit consist-
ing of an incline board, covered
with cheap jewelry. By pulling a
string a marble was sent rolling
among this jewelry and the piece it
stopped before was taken as the
prize. Then there was the invari-
able knife board, all covered with
knives. If you could throw a ring
over one of these knives you would
receive it as a prize. Then there
was a man with a huge covered
wagon, filled with goods of every
description, which he was auction-
eering off at the top of his voice.
Clothing, notions, knives, tinware
were piled up in great heaps behind
him and a man was kept busy
handing him articles. A great
crowd had gathered about the wagon
and he was taking in the money
like a hungry gobbler. He had
up corn. Snatching up a couple
of pocket knives, he offered them
for a dollar; getting no takers he
added a razor, a looking glass, a
French harp and a pocket book to
the lot and then sold the whole out-
fit for a dollar. Picking up a pair
of suspenders he cleared out his
throat and began:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I offer
these suspenders for away below
nothin'. They didn't cost me a
darned cent. I stole 'em, I admit.
That's the way I get all my goods;
they don't cost me anything and
so I can afford to sell them to you
away below cost."

Here he paused and looked
around over the crowd and closed
one eye sarcastically.

"Here's a pair of them excelsior
suspenders," he continued, "every
man, woman and child in the coun-
try ought to have a pair; they'll
cure the worst case of malaria; air
good for a torpid liver, will clear a
republican's conscience and inflate
the silver currency beyond past all
belief. They'll cure the mumps,
stop indigestion and keep a man in
the path of rectitude and purity."

Here he mopped his face vigor-
ously with a big cotton handker-
chief, while the crowd applauded
his remarks uproariously. The auc-
tioneer was a great strapping big
fellow, with a fiery red face and a
long red beard which stuck straight
out in front while he was speak-
ing.

"Yes, sir, gitche a pair of them
excelsior suspenders if you expect
to get absolution for your sins. I've
had people come a hundred
miles through fire and high water
to git 'em. An now when I start
to sellin these things, I don't want
you to crowd too much, like they
did over here at the next town. I
offered my suspenders for sale and
in the rush that followed seven men
was trampled to death. I thought

I had lost seven sales, but I hadn't
for the friends an' relations of these
unfortunates, realizin that a man
couldn't rest easy in his grave
without a pair of my suspenders
on, bought seven pair and to-day
them seven unfortunates air a
walkin the streets of the new Jer-
usalem each man a wearin a pair
of them excelsior suspenders. If I
wuz a man I'd never have the face
to go home to my wife an' children
to-night if I didn't have on a pair
of them suspenders. They're all
guaranteed to pay off mortgages on
the farm, create confidence in the
minds of the people and prevent
the importation of smallpox, yaller
fever an' kolera. I tell this crowd
right now, that unless you, one an
all, take to wearin these suspend-
ers you can expect the worst. The
catapillars an' cut worms air agoin
to devastate your crops, your sheep
will all ketch the foot rot, your
children the measles an' your chick-
ens the gaps. Now is the accepted
time an' such as dont improve the
chance may not git home alive.
The weather looks mighty equally
an' I look fur a cyclone or a harry-
cane to come along an' as you all
fix an provide yourselves with
these here life preservers. Now
then ketch your breath, git out
your pocket books an' git ready fur
the good times a comin. The chance
of your lives an' the only true
pathway to salvation an' glory.
Now don't all speak at once; two
bits a pair takes the pile."

Jumping down off the seat he
grabbed up an armful of his excel-
sior suspenders and commenced
selling them out as fast as he could
take in the quarters.

"Make your own change," he
shouted, "I ain't got time to," and
stepping down on the edge of the
wagon he took up another armful
of his suspenders and took a fresh
start.

The crowd was in the best of
humor and jostled and shoved each
other with great hilarity.

"Stop that crowdin' there," said
the auctioneer, "the first thing you
know, some of you will git killed
an' then your relations will be a
comin' on me fur the funeral ex-
penses an' I tell you right now I
ain't agoin' to pay 'em."

In a little while he had sold out
the last pair of suspenders in the
wagon, while the pile of quarters,
nickels and dimes in the big box
behind him had assumed mountain-
ous proportions. Wiping the pers-
piration from his brow the auc-
tioneer pushed back his sleeves and
prepared for a fresh start. His
assistant set out an enormous box
filled with every variety and style
of pocket knives. Raising the lid
of the box and taking out a hand-
ful of the knives he held them up
before the admiring gaze of the
crowd and clearing up his throat
he began:

"I feel sorry fur you pore unfor-
tunates who didn't git a pair of
them suspenders. I give you a
fair chance an' you didn't take it
an' now the suspenders air all gone
an' you can git ready for trials,
tribulations and sorrows. I don't
look fur nothing else than that
some of you pore mortals will have
to be carried home this evenin'.
But fur sich of you as air thinkin'
of killin' yourselves out of disap-
pointment I've got somethin' here
that suits your case. Now don't go
an' drown yourselves fur that al-
ways puts a man's folks to a heap
of trouble a fishin' him out an' a
wringin' the water out of his
clothes. An' then don't go an'

shoot yourselves fur that always
makes a mose an' besides is a big
waste of powder an' shot. An' then
whatever you do don't go an' take
piss fur that's mighty pore form
an' always puts a man's folks to
the trouble an' expense of holdin' a
postmortem examination over his
remains. Don't do any of these
things but put an artistic finish on
yourself by a cuttin' your throat
with one of these here razor-edged
knives of mine. Looky here, every-
body. Here's jist what you want.
I want every man in this crowd
who is a thinkin' of killin' himself
to buy one of these here knives an'
do a job that his friends will be
proud of. Begin right here under
the left ear an' cut clear round an'
be sure you git deep enough. I
guarantee these knives to be sharp
enough to do the work an' if you
think your nerves ain't strong
enough to let you cut your throat
all alright why git somebody to
help you."

Pausing a moment he laid his
finger alongside his nose and
added:

"It's my opinion judgin' from
the looks of this crowd that it
wouldn't be no trouble at all to find
a man here to cut your throat fur
you. I'm agoin' to sell these knives
cheap. You remember about that
hardware store a bein' broke into
and robbed over here about a year
ago. Well, that was me done then
an' these here knives air the boot-
le fun that stealin' an' so I can
sell 'em to you mighty cheap. All
I want to make out of 'em is
enough to pay a lawyer in case I'm
tack up fur this robbery. Now,
mebbe you don't believe that," he
said, coming to a stop and looking
the crowd intently in the face.

A general shout of approval greet-
ed this inquiry and he continued:

"When I wuz up there in Arkan-
saw I knowed a man who wanted
to kill anotherin, to ride more'n a
hundred miles jist to buy one of
these here knives, so as he could do
the job up right an' when he got
back home where the man lived he
cut the feller's throat with jist one
lick—an' he wuz hung for it, too.
Do you see this here big long
bladed knife? I killed my gran-
father with it; you can see a little
of the old man's gore on the blade
yit. He had a pair of boots I want-
ed an' wouldn't let me have 'em so
I cut his throat one night an' got
the boots; there they are now and
stepping to the edge of the wagon
he pulled up his pants an' wiped
his feet to the crowd."

"Now mebbe you don't believe
that, too, but it's true an' I can
all you people who air thinkin' of
butcherin' your relations, come up
an' git yourselves the proper in-
struments. Four bits for anythin'
in the lot; now come a runnin',
an' jerkin' the box down to the
front of the wagon he commenced
handing out the knives right and
left."

Meanwhile the parade had come
to a stop with a flourish of trum-
pets and the speakers and different
distinguished personages had taken
their seats on the platform while
the delegations, bands and the rest
of the crowd formed in an immense
triangle about the speaker's stand.
On the outskirts of the crowd the
cheering and singing still went on
while the candidates were prepar-
ing to speak.

Stepping to the front of the plat-
form the chairman announced in a
loud voice:

"Fellow citizens and ladies and

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